

Shipping

Steamers.

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI
The Co.'s Steamship
"HONG KONG,"
Captain BEACH, will
be despatched for the above
Ports **TO-MORROW**, the 1st April,
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
**DOUGLAS LAUREL & Co.,
General Managers,**
Hongkong, March 31, 1882.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, YTA NAGASAKI AND KOBE
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
The F. & O. E. N. Co.
Steamship

Captain F. H. STEWART
will leave for the above places **TO-MORROW**, the 1st April, at Noon.

H. H. JOSEPH
Superintendent

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, March 31, 1892

**FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAM-
BANG AND SOURABAYA.**

The Steamship "**Borneo**,"
Captain **Kissin**, will
be dispatched at above
FRIDAY, the 1st Proximo, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Agents,
Hongkong, March 30, 1892.

**THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.**
LIMITED

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 FOR LONDON VIA PORTS OF CALL
 The Co.'s Steamship
 Knicker
 GEO. L. CARTER, C
 Commander, will be
 dispatched as above on or about the 13th
 April.
 For Freight, apply to
 ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
 Agents.
 Hongkong, March 28, 1891.

NOTIFICATIONS.
HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION
SPOON COMPETITION, on SATURDAY, 2nd April, at 300 yards. To be won by best net aggregate and best Handicap (Short Range) net aggregate respectively. Time: 5 p.m.
ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary
Hongkong, March 30, 1892.

THE AUSTIN ARMS HOTEL & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary General Meeting of the said Company will be held at its Registered Office, 28 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on **SATURDAY, the 2nd day of April** at Noon, for the purpose of receiving Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1891.

And Notice is hereby further given that an **EXTRAORDINARY General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS** of the above Company will be held **IMMEDIATELY** after the conclusion of the Ordinary General Meeting at the same place for the purpose of considering and if thought passing the following Special Resolution:—
That the Capital of the Company

The Transfer BOOKS of the Com
 will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the
 Inst., to SATURDAY, the 2nd day of
 both days inclusive.

JOHN A. JUI
 Secretary.

Hongkong, March 26, 1892.

CHAS. J. GAUFF & Co.,
*Chromometer, Watch & Clock Mak-
 ers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.*

NATURAL SCIENTISTS
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 INSTRUMENTS
 VIOLANDER'S CELESTIAL
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 ROTHE'S LIQUID- AND OTHER COMPAS
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English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware
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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY
in great variety.
DIAMONDS
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DIAMOND JEWELLERY
A Splendid Collection of the Latest
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WATERBURY WATCH
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IN STOCK

IN SERVICE
IS NOW OFFERED FOR
2 DOLLARS 50 CENTS each

GENTLEMEN'S J SERIES @ \$4.75
LADIES' L SERIES @ \$4.75

Inspection is respectfully invited
MITSUBI BUSSAN KAISHA
8, Queen's Road, Central
Hongkong, December 11, 1961.

SAILOR'S HOME
ANY Cat-of Clothing, Boots
PAZES will be thankfully re-
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
Address: Care of SUPERINTENDENT

Vessels Advertised by Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Batavia, 8 maring, &c.	Borneo (s).....	Jardine, Matheson & Co	April 1, at 3 p.m.
8, Borneo (s) &c.	Sabah (s).....	Norddeutscher Lloyd	April 3, at 10 a.m.

Stocks	No. of Shares.	Paid-up Value.	Closing Quotations Cash.
H'Vee, London, Hong & Co.	Garmanshiens (s)	Doddwell, Garfill & Co.	About April 11,
London, Blythe & Co.	Kalaoen (s)	Aarnholdt, Hamburg & Co.	About April 13,
London, P. Stutz & Co.	Liluitene (s)	Batterfield & Swire,	" " "
Manila, Rio Amoy	Zafiro (s)	Shewan & Co.,	April 3, at 5 p.m.
Marsden's, S. Saigon	Natal (s)	Messageries Maritimes	April 6, at noon.
S. Francisco, S. Sucoz	Turkey (s)	Doddwell, Garfill & Co.	About April 10,
S. Yapan, S. Japa	Belgie (s)	O. & O. S. N. Co.	April 5, at 1 p.m.
S. Francisco, S. Japa	City of Peking (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	April 10, at 1 p.m.
Shanghai	Gienesk (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	April 1, at 8 p.m.
Shanghai	The shen (s)	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	April 2, at 10 s.
Shanghai	Ashington (s)	Sjonnasson & Co.	April 2, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Myronson (s)	Batterfield & Swire,	April 3, at 5 p.m.
Singapore, Penang	Japan (s)	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	April 5, at 3 p.m.
Straits and Bombay	Vanette (s)	F. O. & S. N. Co.	April 2, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & Tau	Haulting (s)	Douglas Lappack & Co.	April 1, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & F'chow	Hainphong (s)	Douglas Lappack & Co.	April 5, at daylight
Tricon, (B.)	Russell (s)	Matheson & Co.	April 1, at noon.
Yamato, N'Ki & Kube	Empress of China (s)	Canadian P'to R. Co.	April 16, at noon.
	Verona (s)	F. O. & S. N. Co.	April 1, at noon.

Longkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. New Issue.....	30,000 \$	125	all	120 % prem., sellers
Bank of China, Japan and Straits, Ltd.	90,875 £ 41,250 £	10 £	1.15 \$61,	sales and buyers
		1 £	1 \$60,	nominal
		10 £	10 % of nominal	

MARINE INSURANCES.			
Japan Insurance Union Co., Ltd.,	10,000	250	80 \$102, sellers
Junia Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,	24,000	85.33	20 \$62, sales
Nippon-Chuwa Insurance Co., Ltd.,	10,000	20.02	50 \$75, 235, sellers
Osaka Marine Insurance Co., Ltd.,	30,000	10.00	20 \$14
Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd.,	10,000	25.00	20 \$90, sellers
Yan-gze Insurance Association, Ltd.,	8,000	100	all \$108
FIRE INSURANCES.			
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,	20,000	100	20 \$83
Guangchow Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,	5,000	50	50 \$282
Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,	20,000	100	25 \$16, ex. div.
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES.			
Singapore Insurance Company, Ltd.,	40,000	1 A	25 \$9, sellers
DOCK.			
Keong & Wahong Dock Co., Ltd.,	12,500	13.00	all 78 % prem., sales
STEAMSHIPS.			
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.,	5,000	50	all \$30, sales
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited,	20,000	50	all \$37, sellers
H.K. C. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd.,	20,000	50	all \$337, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.,	20,000	50	all \$30, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000
Swan Launch Company, Limited,	2,000	50	3 \$30, sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co.,	20,000	10-12	19 \$10, nominal
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Do. (new issue),	20,000	10-12	1 2 1
SHIPBROKERS.			
China Steam Company, Limited,	15,000	100	all \$120, sellers
Shanghai Steam Company, Limited,	7,000	10	all \$50, sellers

WHAVERIES.				
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	20,000	\$	50	all \$45, sales and buyers
Wanchai Warehouses and Storage Company, Limited	2,600	\$	100	37 1/2 \$40, sellers
LAND AND BUILDING.				
Hongkong Land Investment and	50,000	\$	100	50,000, sellers

Agency Company, Limited.....					
Kowloon Land and Building Com- pany,	6,000	\$	50	30	\$10, sellers
Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co...	1,900	\$	100	all	\$180, ex. div.
West Point Building Co., Limited...	12,500	\$	50	4	\$23, sellers

H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd. MINING.	1,200	100	all	\$45, sellers
Jebeba Mining & Trading Co., Ltd. Pampong & Sungai Dua Samantan Mining Co.	4,500	5	all	\$6, sellers
Sing Fong Mining Company Limited.	50,000	10	all	\$1, sales and buyers
Société Française des Charbon- nages du Tonkin	110,000	5	20	\$20 cents, sales
The Balmoral and Mt. King Co., Ltd. Inuvu Mines, Limited.	25,000	5	11	\$1, sellers
Raub Syndicate, Limited.	8,000	Fos. 50	Fa.	\$25, sellers
Société Française d'Exploitation de Touraine	18,000	10	all	5 cents, sellers
PLANTING, ETC.	17,500	2	12	\$5, sellers
China-Borneo Company, Ltd. in Liq.	1,000,000	1	17 1/2	\$10 cents, buyers
	8,000	Fos. 500	Fa. 300	75 cts. dia.

Brook Planning Co., Limited.....	6,000	\$	50	all	\$33, sales
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited.....	6,000	\$			
HOTELS, ETC.					
Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited.....	4,000	\$		50	\$8, sales
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.....	6,000	\$			\$50 and 371, sales

Sig.	3,000 shares, 1863-65				
un.	DIRECTORSHIP				
al-	A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	50,000	5	al	\$18, sales
er,	Creditbank & Co., Limited	1,500	5	al	\$10, sellers
all,	LIGHTING				
Mr	H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	5,190.42	10	al	\$12.5, sales
	New Street	1,990.12	10	al	\$7.1, sales
	Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	10	al	\$24, sales
	REPAIR AND CEMENT				
use.	Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	20,000	5	al	\$9, sales and sellers
	Hongkong Brick & Cement Co., Ltd.	4,000	25	al	\$17.50, nominal
	MERCHANTS				
aga-	Hongkong Trading Company, Limited	20,000	5	al	\$20, Par. nom.
ti-	Limited	3,236	5	al	\$20, Par. nom.

pan;	Campan, Moore & Co., Limited	5,000	25	\$	2	\$17, sellers
	Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	1			
Mrs	Hongkong Battery Company, Ltd.	600	6		all	\$65
for	Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	3,000	1		all	\$5, sales
Miss	Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	35		all	\$71, sales
Miss	H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ..	3,500	60		all	\$106, sellers

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1880	\$1,594,700.14	\$500	8 % p. annum	\$508 1/2 buyers
" " 1885	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 " "	Tls. 275, buyers

1988.	DEBENTURES. Hongkong Hotel Mortgage Debentures, 1989 }	\$ 400,000.0	\$501	6,, prem.	\$510
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.			POST OFFICE NOTICE		

LIST OF VISITORS.		MAILS will close:—
orts :	Mr B. Bington	For SHANGHAI—
N.E.	Mr and Mrs E. V. Bro	Per <i>Glenesk</i> , at 2.30 p.m., on
	nan and children	the 1st April.
orts :	Mr J. A. Buckle	Per <i>Thistle</i> , at 9.30 a.m., on S
erate	Mr E. BYRNE	
	Mr Charles C. Malsch	
	Mr Herbert Ogilvie	
	Mr J. H. Perry	
	Mr Puato	

Mr & Mrs J. F. Colman, Jno. Blach
tam, Mr A. Ross
Mr J. B. Coughtrie, Mr Taylor
Mr H. G. Dowler

VICTORIA HOTEL.

VISITORS LIST.
Mr L. Le Breton Mr S. Reich
Mr H. R. Brown Mr Walter Richard-
Mrs Christie and child: son
Capt. A. Croal Miss Roberta
2nd Lt. J. Croal Miss Samuel

orts :	Mrs Farmer	Mr C. F. Van Sauten	dom, Europe and countries
over :	Mr B. de Lenna Ferri-Mrs Shields and child-	ren	vid Brindisi; to the Strai-
orts :	Capt. and Mrs Alfred	Mr W. Smith	ments, Batavia, Burmah,
Cine :	Galley	Mr Spraerri	India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, &
	15. B. L. J. 15. B. L. J.	15. B. L. J.	Registry ceases at 4 P.M

Mr. E. J. Jones	Mr. Stoll
Mr. B. B. Jurey	Mr. Walter Tarn
Mr. Robert Love	Mr. G. E. Taverner
Mr. Chas. H. Mal-	Mr. Thorne
combes	Professor Victor Valen-
Mr. Paulino Martinez	sie
Mr. A. M. Mawero	Mr. Wm. O. R.
Mr. J. H. McGee	ward
Capt. Geo. Pallott	Mr. W. G. Winterburn
Mr. J. W. Pearson	Mr. Woodcary

POST OFFICE NOTICES.
MAILS will close:—
 For SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI.
For Hongkong, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,
the 1st April.
 For NAGASACKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA
Per Verona, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday,
the 1st April.
 For SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, SAMAR-
 ANG & SOERABAYA.
Per Borneo, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, the
1st April.

3 p.m.—Competition of the Rifle Association.
 Goods per *Thomdale* undelivered date subject to rent.
 Goods per *Japan* undelivered date landed.
Monday, April 4.—
 3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders, Shameen Hotel & Land Co., the Company's Office.
 4 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land, *Woolly Plover* (the) of *Land Co.*
 Goods per *Wierack* undelivered date subject to rent.

	<i>Per Case.</i>
A Alta Douro, good quality, Green Capsule.....	8 10
B Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule.....	12
C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Cap- sule.....	14
D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).....	18
SHERRIES.	
A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule.....	6
B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green, Seal Cap- sule.....	7 60
C Manzaniella, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule 10	
CO Superior, Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule.....	10
D Very Superior Old Dry Dry, choice old Wine, White Seal Capsule.....	12
E Extra superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled).....	14
	<i>Per Case. Per doz.</i>
CLARETS.	

E Superior Very Old Cognac.....	15
Rad Capsule.....	15
C Very Old Liqueur Cognac.....	20
Rad Capsule.....	20
D Hunnessey's Finest Very Old Liqueur.....	30
Rad Capsule.....	30
SCOTCH WHISKY.	
A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule.....	8
B Watson's Glenlivet Blend, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	8
C Watson's Aberlour Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark.....	10
D Watson's R K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule.....	10

B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule	1.50
C Fine A - V - H. Geneva	5.25
BUM.	
Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule	1.50
Good Leonard Island	\$1.50
LIQUEURS	
Benedictine, Maraschino	
Curacao, Heering's Cherry	

PRICES ON APPLICATION.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIM.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY
Hongkong, February 4, 1891.

The publication of this issue ceases at 7.55 p.m.

day, **The China Mail**
HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 31

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WHEN it was first proposed, year ago, that the Assistant Master should undertake the Superintendent of the Water

the proposition was accepted
proval by the community. An
had been raised against the re-
the office of Assistant Harbour
on the ground that it was a

weight upon the public expense. We are not quite sure, but if we are not, the offer was made by the occupant of the Assistant Master's position to undertake the duties of superintending the Police, in return for the occupancy of the house at the Talm-Tsu Station. The unofficial member

Connell, and the public was rather pleased than with the arrangement, and it was later on a despatch from the State was received, giving sanction to this arrangement under date of 29th June last and appeared in the *Governments* to the effect that the Administration be pleased to appoint Colonel William Charles Hastings, R. Superintendent of the Water

until further orders. This notice was signed by the Hon. W. M. Goodman, Acting Colonial Secretary; and the mercantile community looked forward to great improvements being effected by the appointment of an experienced naval officer to the new post. It shortly afterwards oozed out, however, that Captain Hastings had nothing whatever to do with the Water Police, and whisperings of a very audible kind were heard that the arrangement had assumed the appearance of a bungle, or something worse. The intention, it is true, was good, but the execution was a failure. Strong remonstrances from the Police Department (which branch of the administration had apparently either been left in the dark or ignored) led to the idea being abandoned. The nominal Superintendent of the Water Police, however, occupied the house at the Station, and was apparently quite ready to carry out his arrangements with the Government. This state of things has existed up till now, but the inconvenience of the anomaly has cropped up during the re-arrangement of appointments. Mr A. H. Ronnie, of the Public Works Department, instead of being sent to the Post Office—a post which, as we have already mentioned, he would be well fitted to fill—has been nominated for the superfluous post of Assistant Harbour Master, and the sinecure of Water Police Superintendent, not difficult to fill naturally or unnaturally, at the quarters at Kowloon Point. Mr Ronnie declines to take up half of a post or forego its emoluments, even if that half be regarded as a sinecure and the house a kind of gift; and Captain Hastings, on the other hand, proceeds on the principle that possession is nine points of official as well as common law, and refuses to quit. Here, of course, is a dead-lock. The Governor discovers a mistake has been made, and Mr Ronnie is asked to accept the appointment in the Harbour Office, and not think of the other thing which has never got farther than the Government Gazette and the Kowloon quarters. Had the mistake been discovered, as it might have been, two or three days after the Water Police force was put upon the official stage, an open arrangement could have been made about the house at Kowloon. But crooked the soldiers get straight somehow; and the present position of things is proceeding awkwardly. The new Governor and the new Colonial Secretary are entitled to a certain amount of sympathy, as they are saddled with the duty of righting the muddles of their predecessors. It will be the duty of the Governor, in face of such irregularities, to see that they are set right in a straightforward and open way; and the evil effect of the dead-lock thus brought about ought to be averted as far as possible from the officers whose appointments are concerned. Neither Capt. Hastings nor Mr Ronnie are to be blamed, and indeed the last-named officer seems to us to be a sufferer. If the successor to Mr Travers is not finally fixed upon, it would be a possible solution to the difficulty to send Mr Northcote to the Harbour Office, and give Mr Ronnie the Post Office, as was previously suggested. As for the explanation, or the actual abolition of the sinecure, these matters will perhaps have to wait till the Secretary of State. The unofficial members might fairly have something to say about the Post Office.

The deputation who waited on the Governor a few days ago submitted their views with reference to the making of the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance made out so far, in a case for the modification of the requirements of the law as regards private steam-launches that it is hardly necessary to add a word to what was said on that occasion. The arguments against the harassing obligations imposed on private launch-owners by the new ordinance are quite conclusive, and we have no doubt that had His Excellency's knowledge of the colony been sufficient to enable him to fully appreciate the force of these arguments he would have admitted at once that they were unanswerable. The objectionable clauses in the ordinance with reference to steam-launches seem to have been inserted not only, as Mr. Mackintosh said, without any consideration whatsoever, but in total ignorance of the purposes for which private launches are used and the condition in which they are kept, and with absolutely no conception of the actual effect of such legislation. It is only another instance of what happens when the making of rules and regulations affecting the business of the colony is in the hands of those who know nothing about local needs and circumstances. We cannot suppose it possible it could have been foreseen when these absurd clauses were framed that in order to comply with them about a thousand dollars would have to be spent in the first instance on erecting private launch in the harbour. Yet, but Mr. Mackintosh clearly demonstrated that that was one result of the requirements. One of the P. and O. launches was submitted to the Government Surveyor so that it might be ascertained what complying with the ordinance involved, and it was found that simply in order to expose the launch for survey an outlay of five hundred dollars would be necessary. That was the estimate given by the Dock Company. Before the Government Surveyor had satisfied himself, and the launch had been made fit for use again an equal sum would in all probability be necessary. This would mean an expenditure of something like \$50,000 by the private steam launch owners of the colony on an expenditure quite unequalled for, which would not produce the slightest advantage to the public while it would be a grievous burden on a small class in the community. The only thing hitherto mentioned which bears the slightest resemblance to a reason for the imposition of this burden was referred to by His Excellency in a vague way, and it is so ridiculously inadequate that

